



The National Deaf-Blind Equipment Distribution Program (iCanConnect) Year 3 in Review

This summary report on the National Deaf-Blind Equipment Distribution Program (iCanConnect) was compiled from data submitted by 35 of the 53 certified programs -- 19 programs administered by Perkins School for the Blind, including Utah as of February 1, 2015, plus 16 other certified programs -- that used the Perkins database during the third year of the pilot program (2014-2015).

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**Pilot Program Statistics
Reported and Updated by Perkins School for the Blind**

2012-2013 ¹	2013-2014 ²	2014-2015
909 active consumers	1,598 active consumers	1,190 active consumers
524 received assessments	768 received assessments	623 received assessments
Average 2.4 hours / \$411	Average 1.91 hours / \$400	Average 2.81 hours / \$465
420 received equipment	795 received equipment	791 received equipment
2,458 pieces of equipment, including 138 Braille devices that account for 33% of equipment costs	4,854 pieces of equipment, including 138 Braille devices that account for 22% of equipment costs, and including 1,805 accessories (such as specialized keyboards, mounts, switches, and headsets) that account for 5% of equipment costs	4359 pieces of equipment, including 120 Braille devices that account for 21% of equipment costs, and including 1,517 accessories (such as specialized keyboards, mounts, switches, and headsets) that account for 5% of equipment costs
Average equipment cost per consumer \$3,021 (max \$13,409)	Average equipment cost per consumer \$2,632 (max \$12,817)	Average equipment cost per consumer \$2,285 (max \$10,936)
168 received some training	715 received some training	871 received some training
Average 6.3 hours / \$1,003	Average 7.54 hours / \$1,211	Average 7.75 hours / \$1,369

¹ Perkins reported data that it compiled based on 35 of 53 certified programs that used its database during the first year of the pilot program. See iCanConnect “Year One Highlights” (filed Nov. 20, 2013) available at <http://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs/document/view?id=7520958851> (last viewed Apr. 28, 2015).

² Perkins reported data that it compiled based on 33 of 53 certified programs that used its database during the second year of the pilot program. See iCanConnect “Year 2 in Review” (filed Dec. 23, 2014) available at <http://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs/document/view?id=60001010881> (last viewed Apr. 28, 2015).